

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to all the claims now in the application (i.e., Claims 1, 3-29) are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Initially, Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowability of Claims 2, 9, 10, and 12 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of Claim 2 (now canceled) into Claim 1 and the remaining depending claims 3-12 are now ultimately dependent upon this currently amended Claim 1 so as to place Claims 1 and 3-12 in condition for allowance. Relative to the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 9, 10, and 12, Applicant has also added new Claim 28 which incorporates the subject matter of Claims 1, 3, 6 and 9 and new Claim 29 which incorporates the subject matter of Claims 1 and 12 so as to place them in condition for allowance as well.

In addition, Applicant has also added new Claims 13 - 27 to cover further novel embodiments of Applicant's invention. New Claim 13 is comparable in scope to amended claim 1 in that it, too, incorporates the subject matter of allowed Claim 2, except that the limitation as to the overlapping light patterns has now been set forth in dependent Claim 24. New Claims 14-23 are comparable to Claims 3-12, but are

ultimately dependent upon new Claim 13. New Claim 25 is directed to a portion of the flashlight body having spaced-apart ridges for facilitating gripping; support for which can be found in the specification on page 8, lines 16-18 (see also e.g. Fig. 1). New Claim 26 is directed to the limitation that the rear wall of the arm 46 and the lantern body 32 is flat and in vertical registry and flush with one another as can be seen clearly in Fig. 4; support for which can be found in the specification, on page 10, lines 18-20. New Claim 27 is directed to the upstanding forward arm as defining a yoke, as shown in Fig. 7. In view of the fact that this new set of claims include the novel features of the allowed claims, they too are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 1, 3 - 29 at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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